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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows and consider the remarks below. This Response is believed to be timely. However, in the event that any extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1513.

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